

SENATE RESOLUTION 264

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to commend Thomas Peter Goering, Jr., for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Goering is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Mae Beavers; Thomas's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, before he began his foray into state politics, Mr. Goering bravely served his country and fellow citizens as an esteemed member of the United States Navy, from which he was honorably discharged in 2006 as Petty Officer Second Class; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious military duty, he graduated from Naval Training Command, Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, and Naval Nuclear Power Prototype; attended Navy Leadership School; qualified as a Naval Nuclear Reactor Operator aboard the USS Nimitz; served as Recruit Chief Petty Officer, Class Leader, and an electronic technician; and was selected as Honor Recruit; and

WHEREAS, for his distinguished service, Thomas Goering has been awarded numerous medals and commendations, including the United Service Organization Bravo Zulu Award, the Admiral's Letter of Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Navy "E" Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary Service Medals, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Memphis, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Thomas has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; he has earned an exemplary 3.9 grade point average and is on the Dean's List, is a member of the Sigma Alpha Lambda National

Leadership and Honors Society, the Golden Key International Honors Society, and the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Goering brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout his esteemed collegiate career, Thomas has demonstrated tremendous leadership abilities and made a name for himself in state politics as a member of the House of Representatives in the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL), of which he was selected to serve on the Executive Board and was elected as Attorney General, in addition to having his legislation presented in the *TISL Bluebook* as priority legislation for the Tennessee State Legislature's 105th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Thomas Goering has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goering has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Thomas Peter Goering, Jr., for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mae Beavers and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.